

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Wilhelm Ardes

Serial No.: 09/890,588

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For: FLUID FILTER WITH REMOVABLE  
CENTRAL COMPONENT WITH  
ADDITIONAL RETAINER

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2003, the response period of which is extended to June 20, 2003 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-titled application as follows: